



## Arlington Disability Commission Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Location:** Conducted by Remote Participation

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<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>

Attendees: Grace Carpenter (co-chair), Paul Raia (co-chair), Paul Parravano (co-chair), Kerrie Fallon, Ileana Gatica Herrera, Karen Mathiasen

Guests: Jillian Harvey (DEI Director), Christina Coleman (DEI Admin Assistant), Ellen Leigh (Volunteer), Don Seltzer (Resident), Joe Marucci (High Rock Covenant Church)

Absent: Michael Rademacher (Public Works Director), Liza Molina, Cynthia DeAngelis

Meeting called to order by Parravano at 4:05 pm

### Minutes

1. Call to Order, Read Ground Rules, Welcome
2. Approve March Draft Meeting Minutes
  - a. Mathiasen was present at March meeting, needs to be reflected in minutes.
  - b. Raia motions to approve minutes, Gatica Herrera seconds. Unanimous
3. 2022 Calendar of Meetings & Events
  - a. Leigh would like to discuss the June Emergency Preparedness event location zoom, hybrid or in person.

- b. People do have to register in advance, program does come with a physical pack. Commission can also request other languages, ASL, braille, etc. during registration.
- c. Harvey will connect with Leigh to get registration and info to share out with community.

#### 4. Parking

- a. 110 Mass Ave, Stella's Hair Salon request to move HP spot
  - i. Stella's Hair Salon reached out again regarding moving the HP spot around the corner, as the current spot has no direct curb cut for the passenger side, additionally there is a poll blocking the passenger side. Commission will need to check with DPW/Transportation on how spots move and what the process is.
- b. 34 Dudley Street, reduction of # of HP spots
  - i. Seltzer commenting on ARB meetings, and lack of attention given to HP spots, compared to bicycle parking, specifically with proposed redevelopment site at 34 Dudley St. There will be a reduction of spots, including an HP spot and moving it far away from entrance.
  - ii. Seltzer suggests that a commissioner should start to attend ARB meetings, and advocate for HP spots, or changes to special permits.
  - iii. Parravano recommends having key talking points, and will let ARB know we've been notified of the concerns, and ask how we should move forward to discuss them.
  - iv. Next ARB hearing is 4/27 at 6pm, Raia has stated he will attend.

#### 5. Variance Requests

- a. High Rock Covenant Church Variance Church
  - i. Marucci variance application for 735 Mass Ave, looking to replace lift. Was approved and will be replaced in about 10 weeks, due to construction.

#### 6. DEI Update

- a. DEI Office updates
  - i. The interviews for the Community Equity Audit are complete, just finishing reference calls and hopefully a decision will be made in the next week.
  - ii. Community Outreach & Engagement Coordinator and ADA Coordinator position postings have come down, interview process will begin.
  - iii. April Stand Against Racism programming has continued each week with a workshop for employees in town and schools, final session is on 4/25.
- b. Budget and Finance Committee update
  - i. Harvey provided update on Finance Committee correspondence, and how funding will be spent for FY23. Carpenter discussed her conversation with Finance Committee member, and gained better understanding of commission's budget history over the years.

7. DPW- tabled
  - a. Snow Messaging
8. Subcommittee reports
  - a. Library Accessibility
    - i. Carpenter and Gatica Herrera have been working with Anna Litten on Library Accessibility Webpage, edits have been made.
  - b. Remote Participation
    - i. No Update, other than Town Meeting will be virtual this year.
  - c. Recreation
    - i. Carpenter discussed new soccer program for youth with any type of disability in town, and the Mystic River Recreational Path is being planned. If folks could look at docs on town website, and share comments.
    - ii. April 26 is next Parks and Rec. Meeting; playground and communication boards be discussed.
    - iii. High School building tours will be on 4/30, sign up recommended, but walk in allowed.
  - d. Elections/Voting
    - i. Parravano, committee has come to a close but a persistent issue of automark malfunction not allowing voting independently. Letter was sent to Secretary of State's office regarding this issue, back in Fall 2021, along with neighboring towns and cities, no response was received. After Town Meeting is complete, Parravano to go before Select Board to request respond from Secretary of State, and determine a way to get properly working machines.
  - e. Youth/educational
    - i. Raia on HS committee
9. Raia motions to adjourn, Fallon seconds, all approve.
10. Next meeting May 18, 2022.
11. Closing

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